

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #429**



**Regular Meeting
June 18, 2025**

The meeting begins at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.
This meeting is also live streamed for public
viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcNJ6ijnqwe0nF8UpSCsB8A>.

- 1) **Call to Order - Regular Meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education**
The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Greg Pritchard
- 2) **Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Abigail Barrett, Greg Pritchard, Debi White, Tim Badal, Darrin Gengler, Myia Sittig and Jack Haines
Also Present: Dr. Jessica Sonntag and Student Representatives: Savannah McMurtrie and Matthew Badal
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0,
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea and Myia Sittig: Yea
- 4) **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes** - Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes
 - B. **Treasurer's Report**
 - C. **Bills and Payroll**
 - D. **Personnel Report**
 - E. **Summer Program 2025 Personnel Recommendations**Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 7-0,
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea and Myia Sittig: Yea
- 5) **Royal Shout Out**
Scott Bastian was recognized this month for his retirement with 34 years of service to Hinckley-Big Rock. He will continue on as the HBRHS boy's soccer coach.
- 6) **Citizens Request to Address the Board-** None
- 7) **Committee Updates**
 - A. **Buildings, Grounds & Transportation**
The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation committee met on June 11, 2025. Topics discussed included summer projects, future plans for facility improvements, and the Hinckley Area Food Pantry's interest in space at 540 W. Lincoln Highway. After more discussion, it was mutually agreed that the space at 540 W. Lincoln Highway would not be the best place to rehome the food pantry. However, the District does desire to partner with the pantry to serve the community. More discussion and brainstorming will take place to identify if space is available.
A roof leak at the middle school has been repaired, with the cost covered by insurance. There was also discussion about a minor leak at the new property located at 540 W Lincoln Highway. This is being postponed to allow for further discussion and research into the appropriate materials to use. The LED lighting upgrade at the high school remains in progress. Although some materials were delayed, the project is still on track for completion by the end of July. At

the middle school, work has begun on the HVAC system, specifically replacing air handlers 1 and 2.

B. IVVC

The IVVC Board of Controls met on June 4, 2025. They approved a 3 year contract for their teachers. Note: IVVC's first day of student attendance is August 13.

C. IBCC

IBCC did not meet this month.

8) **Student Representative Update**

Student representatives Matthew Badal and Savannah McMurtrie commented on the FFA convention in Springfield that the Middle School and High School chapters attended, as well as the multiple activities and camps taking place on campus this summer.

9) **Administrative Update**

A. 4th Quarter Financial Update

Dr. Sonntag provided an update on the end of year finances, noting that we are on track to close the fiscal year in line with the amended budget. An updated report on expenditures and revenues will be presented in August.

According to the May financial report, expenditures are currently at 101%, while revenues stand at 63%. We received \$5.1 million in revenue from Kane County property taxes, and additional revenue from DeKalb and Kendall counties is still expected. Final audited figures will be available in October.

B. 4th Quarter Goals Update

This year, we focused on several key goals:

Strengthening community engagement. We aimed to be a central hub for the community by organizing community book reads, promptly publishing Board Briefs within days of board meetings, continuing our blog, and hosting monthly "2nd Cup of Coffee" meetings on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss a variety of community-related topics.

Focused on student development. We explored the concept of a Portrait of a Learner and worked on strategies to help students develop the essential skills outlined in that vision. Maintaining financial responsibility. We remained committed to being fiscally responsible throughout the year.

10) **Discussion**

A. FY26 Tentative Budget

Dr. Sonntag is currently planning for the upcoming school year, including several major purchases such as LED lighting upgrades, air handler replacements, and other needed facility improvements.. The district is intentionally drawing down some of the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget. This fund has a higher reserve balance, and there are limits to how much can be held at one time.

The Education Fund is currently showing a small surplus. Transportation costs are expected to increase this year, partly due to the purchase of a bus lift that will allow our fleet manager to handle most repairs in house, reducing the need for external service, except in cases of autobody work.

Additionally, the district has paid off its long-term bond, resulting in a slight reduction in overall debt. Most of our revenue continues to come from property taxes. However, state and federal funding remains uncertain, so those revenue lines have been left flat in the pre-planning. More accurate figures are expected to be available in August.

B. Press Issue 118

There was discussion about proposed policy revisions to align district policy with revised Title IX guidelines and definition. A second read and action regarding these changes will take place at the August meeting.

11) **Action**

A. Motion to Approve the IHSA Renewal

Motion to Approve the IHSA Renewal was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0,

- Abigail Barrett: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea and Myia Sittig: Yea
- B. Motion to Approve the Amended FY25 Budget as submitted
 Motion to Approve the Amended FY25 Budget as submitted was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 7-0,
 Abigail Barrett: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea and Myia Sittig: Yea
- C. Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Certain Payments between the June 18 and August 13 board meetings due to no Board meeting in July, 2025
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12) **FOIA**

- A. CT Mills Public Info Access LLC- Administrator Contact Information

13) **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

14) **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 7-0 with a unanimous voice vote, Aye
 Abigail Barrett: Aye, Debi White: Aye, Tim Badal: Aye, Myia Sittig: Aye, Jack Haines: Aye, Darrin Gengler: Aye and Greg Pritchard: Aye

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be August 13th, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.